

Remarks

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 1, 2008. Claims 3-5 and 27 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent claims 1 and 28 are amended to incorporate subject matter from described generally at paragraphs 0108-0112 of the present application. Claims 6, 7, 9-18, and 30-52 are also amended. Claims 1, 6-26, 28, and 30-52 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance are requested for the following reasons.

Claims 1, 3-28, and 30-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Reed et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,345,288. This rejection is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites a core schema defining a plurality of types for the plurality of objects, the core schema further defining:

- folders that organize groups of the plurality of objects, wherein the folders allow at least one of the plurality of objects to be organized within more than one folder without creating separate copies of the at least one of the plurality of objects; and
- categories that organize different groups of the plurality of objects based on at least one of a type, a property, or a value of the plurality of objects, wherein the categories allow the at least one of the plurality of objects to be automatically assigned to and organized within a category based on at least one of a type, a property, or a value of the at least one of the plurality of objects without creating a separate copy of the at least one of the plurality of objects;

There can be various advantageous associated with a core schema such as that recited in claim 1. For example, objects can be organized in more than one folder at a time without requiring multiple copies of the object. Application, ¶ 0108. The categories help to group similar objects based on object characteristics like type, property, or value. Application ¶ 0109. Folders can differ from categories, in that folders can include unrelated objects, while categories include only related objects where related objects having a type, property, or value in common. Application, ¶ 0110.

Reed fails to disclose or suggest the core schema recited by claim 1. For example, the final Office Action identifies the folder 115 shown in Fig. 3 of Reed. See col. 23, ll. 18-44. Reed discloses that the folder 115 is “useful for grouping objects,” but fails to disclose or suggest that objects can be associated with more than one folder, as required by claim 1. Reed also

discloses category hierarchies (see Fig. 29A, col. 44, ll. 59-64), but fails to suggest that objects are automatically assigned to and organized within a category based on at least one of a type, a property, and a value of the object, as required by claim 1.

Reconsideration of claim 1, as well as claims 6-26 that depend therefrom, are therefore requested for at least these reasons.

Claim 28 is directed to a system and recites a core schema that defines “folders that organize groups of the plurality of discrete units of information, wherein one of the discrete units of information belongs to more than one folder without requiring a separate copy of the one of the discrete units of information; and categories that organize different groups of the discrete units of information based on at least one of a type, a property, or a value of the discrete units of information, wherein each of the plurality of discrete units of information are automatically assigned to and organized within one or more of the categories.” As such, claim 28 is allowable for at least similar reasons as those provided above. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 28, as well as claims 30-52 that depend therefrom, are therefore requested.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this application.

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